



# Waltham Forest News

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## Radio times

Community radio station features presenters of all ages

**Streetlife FM, our very own community radio station, is back on the airwaves this summer playing upfront tunes and classic sounds, with news, interviews and debates all focusing on life in and around Waltham Forest.**

The station features a unique mix of younger and older presenters so there really is something for everyone.

DJ Silver J, from Leyton, has his own show playing R&B and Hip Hop on Friday afternoons. He's also part of the station's management team having been involved for three years after reading about the station in wfm.

"I've always been interested in radio and I like to chat," he says. "I've also done some training courses here and learnt lots of new skills. I've even done work experience at the BBC."

The youngest person working at the station is just 14 and the oldest is 80, proof that this station has something for everyone.

"We try to have two presenters from different generations," explains station manager Andy Sayers. "It's good to get two different age groups together and we also run a Silver Sounds course for older residents."



Streetlife FM hits the airwaves

As we move through the day the music policy changes to a younger audience."

Adele is one of the station's more mature presenters. "I present 'Silver Sounds'," she tells Waltham Forest News. "We've been out doing vox pops about the Olympics, choosing

our music and learning to edit and do all the timings and the station jingles.

"It's great to be part of something where both extremes of the age scale work together and it does work really well. It's something that should be encouraged more widely."

### More info

If you are interested in being involved call **020 8520 6515** or email [studio@streetlifefm.com](mailto:studio@streetlifefm.com). Also see [www.streetlifefm.com](http://www.streetlifefm.com)

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In my opinion

Melissa Havers  
Local mum



The summer holidays are upon us but many parents are already preparing for their child's first day at school. For parents, often more nervous than the children, it's an important milestone in their child's life.

In my experience, many parents are not happy with their school allocation, despite reports that 80 per cent of children get their preferred school.

The quality of schools in this area varies vastly and drives some parents to spend hours trawling through Ofsted reports, visiting schools and measuring distances.

It is appalling that schools can be so variable in performance and that parents can do so little about it. I've known of children who live opposite their preferred school and yet not managed to get a place.

With all siblings guaranteed a place at the same school

**Most parents resign themselves to the fact that there is no point in appealing a decision and just settle for their lot**

it leads to few new places becoming available. When the admissions process is complete the better performing schools in the area are up to their published admission number and there is little room for other parents to negotiate.

Most parents resign themselves to the fact that there is no point in appealing a decision and just settle for their lot, crossing fingers and hoping that the school's performance will improve. Others assess neighbouring boroughs, some move house and the minority that can afford to investigate private schools.

Braver ones take on the appeals process. Yet, with most schools full there is little the panel can do and I've heard the appeals can be unfriendly and unnecessarily aggressive affairs.

In my opinion, the least these parents deserve is a little respect and understanding. I'm sure it is gruelling for the panel and I'm sure some parents get their facts wrong but however frustrated they may get, the panel should always remember these parents simply want the best for their children.

Next year I will embark with trepidation into the schools application process. I assume my child will attend the same school as our neighbours (the school closest to us geographically) and I'm hoping that there will not be too many siblings beating us to the school gate!

**Want to have your say?**  
If you live or work in Waltham Forest, have something you'd like to get off your chest, and can do it in around 300 words; Waltham Forest News wants to hear from you. Email the Editor at [walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:walthamforestnews@walthamforest.gov.uk) and tell us what you'd like to write about.



The borough needs more police officers

Borough wants more police officers

- Council to ask police to allocate more officers to Waltham Forest
- Campaign for greater police numbers could follow

Waltham Forest Council will meet police representatives later this month to ask for more officers to be drafted into the borough.

The council estimates that Waltham Forest is at least 120 police officers short and is likely to enlist the support of residents and campaign for more officers if its request is refused.

Waltham Forest Council's leader, Cllr Chris Robbins, said: "Our police officers do a fantastic job in difficult circumstances but there aren't enough of them.

"Safety on our streets is of major concern to our residents, and it is our job to raise this issue at the highest level."



Estimates say we are 120 police officers short

- Fact file**
- Waltham Forest Council estimates it needs at least 120 extra police officers to bring us to the London average
  - We have got the eighth highest rate of serious crime per 1,000 of population in London.
  - Hackney has virtually the same rate of serious crime (per 1,000 of population) as Waltham Forest but has 199 more police officers
  - We have the fourth highest rate of serious crime per police officer in London
  - The Metropolitan Police have identified a number of issues that extra officers could help tackle including disproportionate amounts of serious crime and relatively slow response times
  - The Council is paying for 10 new police officers - businesses in the borough have paid for three more

**More info**  
For more information about the police in London visit [www.met.police.uk](http://www.met.police.uk)

Waltham Forest News

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# Former Arcade site opens

- Site opens in style with celebratory event
- Programme of events to run throughout the summer
- Questionnaire available – have your say on how the site should be used

**While the weather's been patchy this summer, residents were treated to a much-needed dose of sunshine when the former Arcade site was opened on Saturday 25 July.**

Hundreds of residents took the time to stroll round the site while kids went gaga for pedal-powered go-karts and tested their head for heights on the bungee trampoline.

Entertainment was provided by contemporary classical act Lontano and all-singing, all-dancing drama group Estate of the Arts, who gave proceedings an extra dose of local flair and excitement.

If you happened to miss the grand opening of this temporary space fear not, since there'll still be plenty of chances to get involved throughout the summer

with a programme of events currently being planned – turn to page five or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/whats-on](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/whats-on) for further details.

As well as enjoying the fun-packed events, residents are also being asked for their views as to what the newly-opened space could be used for. You can fill in a

quick online questionnaire or pick up a paper copy from the town hall reception, Walthamstow Library or the Hoe Street WFD shop.

The questionnaire outlines six possible interim uses for the site (performance, events, arts projects, markets / retail, community use and sport), though these ideas aren't

exhaustive and people are encouraged to come up with their own suggestions.

Leader of the council, Cllr Chris Robbins, said: "In just two short months we've opened up this space and shown what good use it can be put to. Now we want residents to tell us what they'd like to see the site used for, be it sporting events, theatrical performances or the chance to have a go at ice skating in the winter."



Cllrs Wheeler, Robbins, Mbachu and Macklin celebrate the opening

## It's My Life exhibition



Cllr Liz Phillips with the 247 artists

**A new photographic exhibition representing the voice of adults with learning disabilities has opened at 247 Markhouse Road.**

The exhibition: "It's my life...I'm saying no to knives", was produced by 247, a progressive day opportunities service for adults with learning disabilities.

The exhibition consists of

photos of ten adults who use 247. The photos show them in their daily lives, taking part in activities or working at shops and restaurants, along with their own personal pledge to say no to knife crime.

It is hoped that the exhibition will tour schools and community buildings throughout the borough. In the meantime, you can

visit 247 by making an appointment.

Cllr Liz Phillips, Cabinet Member for Health, Adult and Older People, said: "People with learning disabilities are an important part of our community and should have their say on serious issues like knife crime.

"I hope that when the exhibition goes on tour, many people will take the time to see it."

Tan Oon-Hee, Manager of 247 said: "The exhibition has given our service users the chance to say that all people living in our communities matter.

"I am very proud of them. They have given their time to make this happen."

### More info

For more information on the exhibition or 247, call 020 8509 0434.

## In brief

### Commemorating abolition of slavery

Walthamstow Library will be the venue for a special evening to commemorate the abolition of the slave trade.

The event, which opens at 7pm, takes place on Sunday 23 August, which is UNESCO International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

Author Robin Walker will give a presentation 'African World History in Pictures', there will be music and dance from local group, Estate of the Arts, Yvonne Bailey will read poetry and Top Cats will perform live music.

- Tickets for the event are available from libraries or by calling Waltham Forest Direct on 020 8496 3000.

### Pupils praised

Students at Willowfield School, Walthamstow, were celebrated for a year of good deeds on the last day of term.

Throughout the year, pupils had worked on numerous projects aimed at being active in the community; from raising awareness of immigration and citizenship right through to supporting pupils with learning disabilities and giving Christmas gifts to the blind.

Entrepreneur, Hedley Aylott, set up his business to support disadvantaged people at just 17. He praised Willowfield students, saying: "You're all here because you care. If you continue to follow this path, it will not let you down."

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## In brief

### Leisure centres retain Charter Marks

Waltham Forest's six leisure centres are celebrating after retaining their Charter Mark accredited status for the third year running.

A one-day assessment of the centres, which are managed by Greenwich Leisure Ltd (GLL), took place in July to evaluate the services they provide and to judge if they deserved Charter Mark status. Charter Mark is a government quality award and is the national standard for excellence in customer service and organisational standards. All of the centres passed with flying colours, and will retain Charter Mark status for at least another year.

- For more information on leisure centres go to [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/leisure-centres](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/sport-and-leisure/leisure-centres) or call 020 8496 3000.

### E is for Egitim

A pilot scheme to involve Turkish-speaking parents in their children's education has proved so successful organisers are now hoping to expand it.

Earlier this year, cultural specialists The London Link delivered two courses at Chase Lane Primary and Ridgeway Children Centre – both in the north of the borough – aiming to improve understanding of the British education system.

So enthusiastic were parents, both courses were oversubscribed. "After both courses, there was a noticeable difference in these parents' attitudes towards schools," said Ruth Hercules, who helped deliver the course.

"They say education starts at home, and that's exactly what we're hoping to achieve with this."

- If you're interested in taking part in one of these courses, contact Carol Frederick on 020 3225 4044.

### News from Nowhere

A new exhibition is set to revisit William Morris's visionary novel 'News from Nowhere'.

The exhibition at the William Morris Gallery, which runs from Saturday 15 August to Tuesday 17 November, investigates how much of modern London was envisaged in Morris's 1890 utopian dream.

Artists Brian Daubney and Jeremiah Sheehan have taken ten themes from the novel and presented an image of London as it was in 1890, how it looks today and how it compares to Morris's vision.

- For more information on the exhibition, contact the William Morris Gallery on 020 8496 3000.

### World-first benefits at-risk youngsters

A world-first partnership has been launched in the borough, aiming to ease the stress on young people going through the care system.

From now on, before social workers can ask a court to place a child in care – unless the child is in immediate danger – the family will first work with children's charity, Coram.

Coram's fully trained staff will work with the parents, observing them with their children, to assess whether it is absolutely necessary to place their child in care.

It is hoped that by getting external, independent assessments before going to court, fewer children will need to go through the process.

- For more information, contact Coram direct on 020 8223 1350



Organic produce was on offer at the Green Fair

## Thousands enjoy range of summer events

- Residents brave the elements to enjoy free family fun
- Festivals celebrate the borough's numerous cultures

**Thousands of people have turned out for this year's summer events, celebrating all corners of Waltham Forest.**

From Journeys into Jazz right through to the Caribbean Carnival and Mela, all events have seen fantastic turnouts and been hailed a success.

Each event has a variety of family fun on offer, including roller coasters, sports activities and the fete-favourite, face painting.

But where there's fun, there's always room for a little education, too.

The annual Green Fair festival was held in mid-July, and aimed to show people how to be more environmentally friendly.

There was information and advice available on issues such as recycling and healthier living, alongside some more enjoyable treats

like organic beer, Fairtrade goods and locally grown fruit and vegetables to tempt visitors' taste buds.

**I've been to two events this year. It's great that they're put on.**

Elsewhere, the Waltham Forest Mela attracted massive crowds for a day of celebrating Asian culture.

In amongst the Mela, party-goers had the chance to rub shoulders with some Olympic VIPs, as members of India's athletics team took a break from training.

Escorted by British gold-medallist Tessa Sanderson CBE, the team compared Waltham Forest's Mela with those back home and were very complimentary.

The summer events are a key opportunity for local services to highlight what's on offer. Whether

you're interested in local regeneration plans, libraries or schools, these events are the perfect place to ask your questions.

"It's great that these events are put on," said Awaz at the Mela. "I've been to two events this year and did the same last year."

"I had never really noticed

how much information and advice was on offer before but I've had a proper look around today, it's really good."

### More info

For more information on the remaining summer events, visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) or call 020 8496 3000.



Performers entertain the crowds at the Mela



# Reporting enviro-crime pays

- **Enviro-crime clampdown continues with new incentive scheme**
- **Residents can collect up to £500 for providing evidence which leads to a conviction**

**A new scheme which offers residents money in return for providing evidence against people who graffiti, fly-tip, litter and let their dogs foul has been launched.**

The Conviction Reward Scheme will pay residents up to £500 depending on the severity of the crime that has been committed. People may also have to give evidence in court if necessary.

It is hoped the scheme will encourage people to report environmental crime and act as a deterrent to those who are intent on wrecking the appearance of our streets.

The scheme forms part of the Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign which aims to tackle issues like, littering, fly-tipping and dog mess.

Residents who spot an offence should provide a description of the offender, their vehicle registration, photograph or any other detailed information which can

be used as evidence and help a prosecution.

Callers personal details will be treated confidentially.

The scheme will act as an incentive to law abiding

residents to come forward and show they're not prepared to put up with other people's rubbish blighting our streets.

It is notoriously difficult to prosecute some environmental crimes, which is why the Council wants residents to come forward and help us prosecute the people responsible.

Waltham Forest Council spends in the region of £3.5million a year clearing litter and fly-tipping from its streets.



You can help prevent fly-tipping like this

## In brief

### 'Flying start' for Fred

Frederick Bremer School finished its first academic year, with Ofsted claiming it was "off to a flying start."

Built from scratch as part of the borough's £300m Building Schools for the Future programme, Frederick Bremer opened in September 2008, merging two secondary schools into one.

Ofsted praised the "seamless transition" pupils had experienced, as well as the excellent achievements students had made in the first year.

Other areas highlighted in the report – which says the school is 'good' overall – were opportunities for gifted and talented pupils, and the efforts made to keep students interested.

- **To read the report, visit [www.ofsted.gov.uk](http://www.ofsted.gov.uk) or contact the school direct on 020 8498 3340 in the new school year.**

### Summer fun

A programme of fun-packed summer events is now underway at the former Arcade site, located at the top of Walthamstow High Street.

Saturday 15 August sees a children's disco in town, while Friday 21 and Saturday 22 August offers foodies the chance to do some culinary globetrotting without leaving the borough at an international food market. Saturday 29 August will have all the fun of the fair with classic rides, while Sunday 30 will feature an exciting African market and show, with drum workshops, acrobatics and some death-defying fire-eating.

- **For more information call 020 8496 3000 or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstow-arcade-site](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/walthamstow-arcade-site)**

### More info

More information on how to report environmental crime can be obtained by ringing **020 8496 3000** or using the online reporting tool at [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/do-it-online](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/do-it-online)

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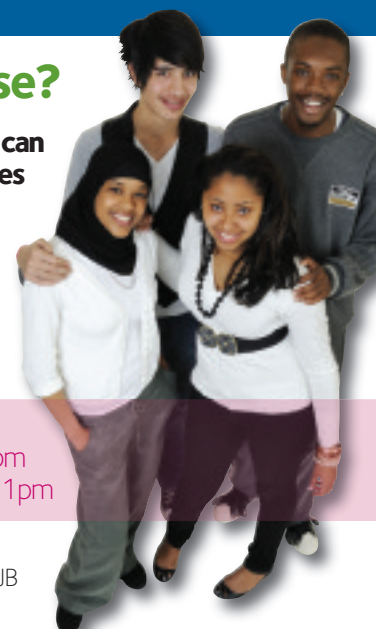
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# Our Environment

## In brief

### Smoking can be bad for your wallet

Smokers will be issued with 'butt bins' at events throughout the summer as part of a drive to reduce littering in parks and streets.

The initiative is part of the Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign which aims to tackle littering, fly tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.

The Council wants to reduce the amount of cigarette butts that are dumped on the streets as they are not biodegradable and are the most commonly found item of litter found on the streets.

Anyone caught dropping a cigarette butt by enforcement officers will be issued with a £75 fixed penalty notice.

- For more information about the Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) or ring 020 8496 3000.



### Leyton playground wins national award

The playground in Skeltons Lane Park has been chosen as the winner of a prestigious national design award.

It was selected as the winner of the Local Government News' Childrens Play category in the Street Design Awards 2009.

The awards reward innovation and good practice in urban street design schemes which are carried out by councils or on behalf of them. The Children's Play category covers refurbished or new play facilities and areas which have been built or renovated in the last five years.

- For more information contact the Council's parks team on 020 8496 3000.

### Enviro-crime prosecutions

Twelve people have been prosecuted so far as part of a campaign to clamp down on environmental crime in Waltham Forest. The Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign aims to tackle offences such as littering, fly tipping, graffiti and dog fouling.

Since its launch in January it has focused on educating people and increasing the number of offenders punished for committing these crimes.

As well as the prosecutions - which have involved sentences being handed down for litter and fly-tipping - a further 275 people have been issued with fixed penalty notices for a variety of offences.

- For more info on the Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign ring the Council on 020 8496 3000.



Jordan Jeffers (left) and Saulius Motiejaitis meet Super Tidy Guy

## Grime fighting superhero swoops in

- Waltham Forest's new superhero pays a surprise visit to his creators
- His mission – to travel the borough fighting littering, dog fouling, fly-tipping and graffiti

**Waltham Forest's very own superhero is swinging into action to tackle dirt and grime.**

Super Tidy Guy was created by Saulius Motiejaitis and Jordan Jeffers from Thorpe Hall Primary school, as part of a competition to create the third member of the Wipe Outs, a fictional litter fighting super hero trio.

The competition aimed to encourage schools to take part in the Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign to tackle littering and other enviro-crimes.

The winning pair's design will feature in an anti-littering poster and was turned into a life size mascot who visited the competition winners at their school.

Saulius said: "I really enjoyed doing the competition; Super Tidy Guy looks cools in real life. I think he will help spread the

message about stopping littering as it is really unusual for someone like Super Tidy Guy to visit the school.

"We hope that youngsters will tell their parents about it when they get home so they will get the message too," says Waltham Forest Council's Cabinet Member for Environment, Cllr Bob Belam. "Super Tidy Guy will be appearing at events throughout the summer so look out for him and the other Wipe Outs".



**More info**

For more information about the council's Wiping Out Enviro-crime campaign log on to [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk) or ring 020 8496 3000.



Help Super Tidy Guy fight Enviro Crime



# Wiping Out Enviro-crime works

- Six months since the launch of Wiping Out Enviro Crime
- Residents give their verdict on progress so far

It has been six months since the Council launched its Wiping Out Enviro Crime campaign and already it has delivered real benefits.

To date 12 people have been prosecuted and 275 have been issued with fixed penalty notices for offences including littering, fly tipping, dog fouling and graffiti.

We've also launched schemes to reward residents who come forward with information about environmental crime,

introduced you to a grime fighting superhero (see opposite page) and launched Big Clean Ups and enforcement blitzes.

But what do residents think? Waltham Forest News hit the streets to find out.

## More info

For more information about the Wiping Out Enviro-crime Campaign ring 020 8496 3000 or log on to [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk)



**Sara Rajoo,**

"The campaign is good but there is work to be done because the streets aren't always clean. More people need to be fined to stop them from dropping litter, that way they'd be afraid they are being watched and they wouldn't do it."



**Zabi Kadamzadeh,**

"It's quite tidy round here and I like the idea of the Council doing something to keep it that way."



**Lewis Haughton,**

"It's good the Council are doing something about environmental crime but they need more bins because more could be done about littering."



**Arieth Novais,**

"If people know they are going to be punished it acts as a deterrent and it's always nice to have a good environment. The streets here are pretty clean and it makes a difference, because this isn't the best area."

## In brief



## Payback pays off

Community Payback crews have helped a Walthamstow playground become more welcoming to mums, dads and little ones.

The team came in and cleared a litter-strewn and overgrown alleyway leading to the playground in Bridge Park which looked so intimidating it put people off using it.

But after a good spring clean and some drastic hedge trimming, the alleyway is now neat and tidy and the playground is ready for hordes of happy families to visit during the summer holidays.

Operation Payback is a scheme where offenders sentenced to community work carry out work in their community for the benefit of others.

- For more information on community payback ring the Council's community safety team on 020 8496 3000 or visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk)

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**1pm-4pm, Saturday 29 August 2009**  
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Sutton Road, Walthamstow E17

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## Waltham Forest Caribbean Carnival 2009

Young People's Waltham Forest Caribbean Carnival took place on Sunday 12 July which had a huge attendance of enthusiastic friends and family following the carnival through the Walthamstow route.

As part of our preparations for the carnival we ran workshops for local youngsters who designed their carnival costumes, choreographed and rehearsed their dance routines. We would like to say a **BIG thank you** to all the young people who took part in this year's carnival and their families for the support they provided on the day.



Working in Partnership with Apollo and the London Borough of Waltham Forest we hosted this event on Sunday 19 July 2009 at the Attlee Terrace estate. The Big Lunch is a national initiative and it was estimated that almost two million people took part across the country.

Because we are producing a revised 'local compact' for the area, this was the perfect event to ask residents to give us their feedback on the services we provide. Invited partners included The Better Neighbourhood Team who set up a stall 'little conversations', an initiative to encourage and facilitate the development of relationships within communities. The local community radio station 'Streetlife FM' which provided great music on the day and the children enjoyed the face painting, games and art competition provided by Apollo. At the end of the event all food and drink was collected by Potters Christian Centre and given to the YMCA and night shelters for the local homeless. Our thanks go to everyone who took part in this event.

## Met-Track Summer Field and Track Programme

We are sponsoring the Metropolitan Police to provide track and field events for young people living on local council housing estates. Our aim is to keep young people engaged with this programme during school holidays and term time after school sessions. All sessions take place at the Pool 'n' Track in Walthamstow.

This year's programme is run weekly and we have a good attendance of young people learning new athletic and agility skills. We also encourage and develop their existing sporting talents. Activities include fun warm-ups, sprinting, running, javelin, long jump and more. We also provide a healthy fruit break during the session which is funded by the Extended Schools Service.

The sessions aimed at 10 - 17 year olds, take place every Friday from 4:15pm to 5:45pm and we do still have spaces available. Parents and carers are also joining in, so if you or anyone you know would like to take part contact Rubeena Amanullah on 020 8496 4966 or email: [rubeena.amanullah@aschamhomes.org.uk](mailto:rubeena.amanullah@aschamhomes.org.uk).

## Publicity Writing Workshops

We have successfully piloted workshops for representatives from Tenant and Resident Associations who produce newsletters and publicity for residents on their local estates. If you would like to develop your writing skills or have an interest in communications please contact Judi Samuels, Communications Co-ordinator on 020 8496 4576 or by email: [judi.samuels@aschamhomes.org.uk](mailto:judi.samuels@aschamhomes.org.uk).





# Council Leaseholder news

For Leaseholders who lease their property from Waltham Forest Council

## Leasehold Valuation Tribunal

When we received the disappointing decision from the Lands Tribunal, we wrote to the Tribunal President to tell him that we felt that he had misunderstood an important element of our case. The President has agreed to hold a hearing with us on 3 September 2009 to discuss our concerns

## Leaseholder Focus Group

In response to the recent leaseholder satisfaction survey, 36 leaseholders said that they would like to be involved in making decisions on the services that affect them.

We have written to those leaseholders inviting them to join the Leaseholder Focus Group. If you want your views known but attending this group is difficult for you, you can contact us by telephone, e-mail or letter instead.

We are planning to ask members for their views on policies we have drafted about Leasehold Management, Service Charge Setting, Subletting Leasehold Properties, a new Leaseholders Handbook, the newsletters that we have been sending out with service charge invoices and our performance targets.

If you would like to join the Leaseholder Focus Group, either in person or in another way please contact Ascham Direct on 020 8496 4197 and ask for Right to Buy and Leasehold Services Team or email: [rtb.lease@aschamhomes.org.uk](mailto:rtb.lease@aschamhomes.org.uk).

## Leaseholder Satisfaction Survey

The majority of leaseholders who replied to the recent surveys **told us:**

that they would like a separate Leaseholder Handbook from the Resident Information Pack and a newsletter exclusively- for leaseholders.

**So we...**

are currently drafting the new Leaseholders Handbook and will ask the new Leaseholder Focus Group for their comments and amendments before it is shown to the Tick Scheme Group who review and 'road test' all Ascham Homes publications.

**You told us:**

that you would like the Leaseholder Forum meetings to continue be held twice a year.

**So we...**

have organised a second Leasehold Forum meeting, for the evening of Thursday 17 September.

**You told us:**

that most of you understood either 'very' or 'fairly well' the service charge documents that we send you, about a quarter of you did not find them so easy to understand.

**So we...**

will work with the new Focus Group members and the 'Tick Scheme' to help improve them.

## Leaseholder Forum

This twice yearly event next takes place on Thursday 17 September 2009 from 6pm to 9pm

Venue: Frederick Bremer School, Fulbourne Road Walthamstow E17

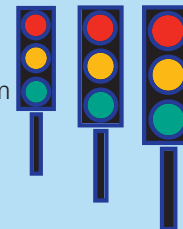
To find out more please contact our Right to Buy and Leasehold Services Team on 020 8496 4914

## Our key performance indicators in summary

**Green** traffic lights indicate performance in target

**Amber** traffic lights indicate movement, either away from or towards the target

**Red** traffic lights indicate performance out of target



In June 84% of our Performance Indicators achieved a green status

Key Performance Indicator (KPI)	June 2009	Status
<b>Estate Inspections:</b> We aim to make sure 99% of estates inspected achieve a grade A or B for cleanliness	100%	
<b>Leasehold service charge collection:</b> We aim to collect 100% of Service Charges	107.25%	
<b>Income collection:</b> Our target is to collect 100.25% (97.41% due end of June)	97.73%	
<b>Right to repair:</b> We aim to complete 98.5% of urgent repairs on time	98.92%	
<b>Repair appointments made and kept:</b> Our target is to make and keep appointments for 98% of non-emergency repairs	82.25%	
<b>Average time to complete repairs:</b> Our target is to complete non-urgent responsive repairs in 9 days	5.67 days	
<b>Letters answered:</b> Our target is to answer letters from the public within 10 days	100%	
<b>Resident satisfaction with major works:</b> Our target is to achieve 90% satisfaction for capital works completed	97.85%	

for Waltham Forest Council tenants and leaseholders

# Our Community

## Walthamstow and Lea Bridge

### In brief

#### New minibus driving school

Waltham Forest Community Transport has set up its own community driving school to combat a shortage of qualified minibus drivers for local groups. Organisations operating minibuses have been relying on volunteers and drivers with licences obtained before 1997 which include the necessary D1 entitlement, but this has meant fewer and fewer qualified drivers able to help either on a voluntary or paid basis for local groups. The new training courses will take place at venues across the borough and will include practical driving experience in one of Waltham Forest Community Transport's vehicles.

• For more information call Peter Ford on 020 8521 0665



#### London in Bloom success

The hard work of Walthamstow Village residents was given a green thumbs up when judges from the 'London in Bloom' contest came to see their horticultural handiwork recently. The Vestry House Museum garden was nominated for the 'Community Garden' award and the judges also took the time to stroll through the neighbourhood. Residents and volunteers gave an eye-opening account of just how the area had been transformed by their efforts. The competition results will be announced in September, so it's now just a question of Waltham Forest News readers crossing their fingers and hoping our borough comes up trumps.

• To volunteer at the Vestry House Museum garden call 020 8496 3000 or email [vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:vhm.enquiries@walthamforest.gov.uk)

#### Michelle Samaraweera murder update

Police investigating the Michelle Samaraweera murder believe her killer has struck at least three more times. One rape has been officially linked to the murderer based on DNA evidence and officers believe two assaults, in which the attacker was chased off by passing groups of men as he assaulted a lone woman, are also linked.

Officers now want the men to come forward as they may have vital information. Detective Superintendent, Vic Rae, said: "It is essential that we work with the community to trace the man responsible as soon as possible.

• Anyone with information should call the incident room on 020 8345 3715 or ring Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111



All ages and abilities are welcome at fitness for fun at Kelmscott

## Fitness for fun

- Non competitive sports and fitness group seeks new members
- Basketball, korfbal and a lot of fun

**In these days of multi-millionaire Premier League footballers, sinew straining Olympic hopefuls and gut-busting gym fanatics, it's nice to know that the ethos of 'sport for all' is alive and well along Markhouse Road in Walthamstow.**

Every Thursday evening at Kelmscott Leisure centre, a unique group of sports fans meets up for fun and fitness in a totally non-competitive environment. Team sports such as basketball and korfbal are played by a group of adults with mixed age and abilities, just for the fun of it.

"We don't even keep score usually," laughs organiser Caramel. "Well, not unless we stop for a drinks

break. The group started some years ago and we've managed to keep going despite people moving on and new ones coming in.

"You don't have to be a brilliant athlete – in fact that wouldn't be much good for us if you were. If you are

over 18, you can catch a ball and throw it – you'd be very welcome to join us. It's great fun and, of course, it helps keep you fit."

The group is now looking for newcomers to join and currently has players aged from their early 20s to mid

50s. First session is free and players share the cost of the hall hire after that.

#### More info

For more information about the fitness for fun group call Caramel on 020 8521 3765







**Afzal Akram, Chair, NHS Waltham Forest**

**Welcome to your NHS Waltham Forest Page**  
This week we look back on the exciting NHS Change4Life roadshow at the recent Mela. We've also got a reminder about the flu pandemic help line and a new campaign to cut down on the amount of prescribed medicines being wasted locally. We'll keep you up to date with all the latest NHS news right here in Waltham Forest News.

## Change4Life at the Mela

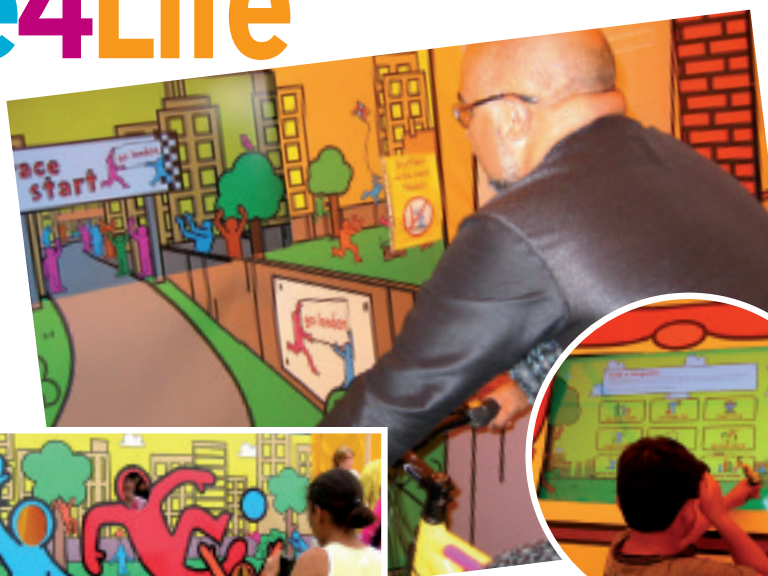
**T**he recent Waltham Forest Mela saw NHS Waltham Forest at the centre of attention thanks to our all-action, Change4Life roadshow.

Festival goers queued outside the bright yellow marquee to enjoy a virtual bike race, fun on the dance mats, interactive screens featuring healthy living advice for families, and free, freshly made fruit kebabs.

Kids also had the chance to have a free 'end of the pier' photo shoot at the Change 4 Life gallery in exchange for making a simple health pledge.

The Stop Smoking team was on hand to offer advice and encourage smokers to sign up for help quitting their habit, along with blood pressure checks and a whole range of healthy living advice from the local Health Improvement team.

Residents who have been working hard to lead healthier lifestyles also



had their 'blogs' on display on the interactive screens – including Lorraine and Charles Hathaway and Patrick Johnson. Patrick lost 48kg in six months by eating better and exercising more.

The virtual bike race gets underway (left)  
Photo fun at the Mela (far left)  
The Change4Life touch screens gave healthy tips (below)

"The fun and games in the NHS marquee gave us a captive audience and allowed us to get the serious messages across to parents and youngsters about eating well, moving more and living longer."

### What can I do?

Just a few small changes to your diet and the amount of time you spend being active can make all the difference and help you live longer.

Eat more fruit and vegetables – try and eat 5 A DAY.

Get active – kids need to do 60 minutes of physical activity a day to prevent them storing excess fat in the body. Adults should do a minimum of 30 minutes a day of moderate exercise – walking, swimming, climbing stairs, walking the dog, housework; it all counts.

There's lots more information about Change4Life online at: [www.nhs.uk/change4life](http://www.nhs.uk/change4life)

■ For advice on diet call the community dieticians on 0208 430 8090.

## Pandemic flu service up and running

The National Pandemic Flu Service is a phone line and website that helps people with swine flu symptoms get antivirals quicker. This means that GPs will be freed up to deal with other illnesses that need their urgent attention.

The website is at: [www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu) and the phone line number is **0800 1513 100** or **0800 1513 200** (Textphone).

You should only use the service if you think you have swine flu symptoms or if you are in one of the vulnerable groups (pregnant women or those with young babies, people with chronic illnesses or who have suppressed immune systems).

If the operator confirms your symptoms, you will be given a reference number and should then get a family member or friend - who doesn't have swine flu - to pick up your antivirals for you. You will be told where to pick them up and what ID your flu friend will need.

- If you have no flu friend you should ring NHS Waltham Forest on **020 8430 8000** for help.
- If you don't have symptoms but want swine flu advice you should call **0800 1513 153**.

**NATIONAL PANDEMIC FLU SERVICE**

[www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu](http://www.direct.gov.uk/pandemicflu)  
**INFORMATION 0800 1 513 513**  
**TREATMENT 0800 1 513 100**



Wasted medicine costs us  
**£2million**  
A YEAR

Medicines that are given to patients but never used are costing NHS Waltham Forest over £1.9million every year. This money could be used to pay for:

- 400 more hip replacements or
- 280 more heart by-pass operations or
- 2800 more cataract operations or

- 60 more community nurses or
- 360 more knee replacements.

Once medicines have been dispensed they cannot be recycled and have to be thrown away – whether they've been used or not.

One of the main problems is medicines on repeat prescriptions, which are ordered and collected by patients but are not needed because they have stopped using the medicine. People with repeat prescriptions are reminded to only order what they need.

Having unused medicines lying around at home can also be dangerous, particularly if there are young children present.

If you have any unused medicines at home, take them back to your pharmacy or GP for safe disposal and have a chat with the pharmacist or prescribing GP about their medication.



# What's On

## Sports and fitness

### Tai chi/ShaoLin Gongfu for Parents & Children

Every Saturday, 12.30pm–2 pm, until 26 September. FREE - summer fitness training sessions at St Gabriel's Family Centre, Havant Road, Walthamstow E17 3JF. Funded by Play Sports London, we have this fantastic free and quality training programme for parents, children and other adults to get fit over the summer and beyond. To book a space contact 07534 147 897 or email [gongfucity@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:gongfucity@hotmail.co.uk)

### Adult Tap Class

Mondays 8-9 pm, St Johns Church, Leytonstone, opposite the entrance of Matalan. All abilities and all ages welcome.

Contact info: 07739797175 or [gingerjess13@hotmail.com](mailto:gingerjess13@hotmail.com)

### Egyptian Dance Classes

Tuesdays 7pm-8.30pm beginners Contact Rachana 07878 276584. Sundays 3pm-4.30pm beginners Contact Sandhya 07983 255178. Nags Head, Orford Road, Walthamstow E17. Also Mondays 6pm-7.30pm, Sylvestrian Sports Centre, Forest School, College Place, Snaresbrook. Contact Sandhya 07983 255178



### Youth Football Sessions

Mondays, 4pm–5pm (8-11yrs) and 5pm–6pm (12-16yrs). Priory Court Community Centre, 11 Priory Court, South Countess Road, Walthamstow. Circle 33 Housing Trust has teamed up with Leyton Orient Community Sports to put on free football sessions for young boys and girls. Just turn up and play! For more information email [gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org](mailto:gulsun.faik@circleanglia.org) or call 020 8531 9990.



### Fitness For Fun

Every Thursday, 8-9pm, Kelmescott Leisure Centre, Markhouse Road, Walthamstow. Play team sports like basketball and korfbal non competitively. You'll have fun and get fit without even trying. Friendly, mixed bunch of grown-ups of all ages and abilities. First session is free, regular players share the cost of court hire. Call Caramel on 020 8521 3765 for more information.

### Disability Football

Every Saturday 11am–12noon. Astroturf pitch at the Score Centre, Oliver Road, Leyton. Fun-packed footie sessions for boys and girls aged 7–18. Cost is just £1 per session. Please call Alison on 020 8523 5534 for more information.

### Tell us what's on

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## Clubs and community

### Family Funday

Saturday 15 August, 12-4pm. Afro-Caribbean Elders Association, William Morris Community Centre, 6-8 Greenleaf Road Walthamstow. Entertainments, games and activities including food stalls, a raffle, bingo, bric-a-brac, Tombola, bouncy castle, face painting, and much more. It will be an enjoyable day of fun and laughter not to be missed. Adults 50p entry / children free.

### Cat and Kitten Care Table Top Sale

Saturday 15 August, 10am-2pm. Spruce Hill Baptist Church Hall, Brookscroft Road, Walthamstow. Local charity Cat and Kitten Care will be holding one of their successful table top sales, with many bargains including books, bric-a-brac, collectables, toys, jewels, CDs

and DVDs plus our famous fresh homemade cakes. Come and bag a bargain.

### Walthamstow Farmers' Market

Every Sunday, 10am–2pm. Walthamstow Town Centre. Providing a fantastic choice of produce including delicious organic and outdoor reared meat, seasonal game, dairy produce, juice, plants and flowers, hand made preserves, fresh fruit, herbs, fish and shellfish, free-range eggs, and the freshest vegetables and salads. Many of the farms attending are based in Essex, Cambridgeshire and Suffolk.

### Floral Art Group

ourth Thursday of every month, Greenleaf Road, Baptist Church Hall on the 7.30 -10pm.

We have demonstrations of Flower Arranging and other social activities, we are a friendly club who would welcome new members. The Annual Subscription is £18 per year and £1.50 for each meeting attended or you can attend as a visitor at a cost of £4.40 per meeting.

### Waltham Forest Bilingual Group

First Saturday of every month, 3.30pm–5.30pm. The Limes Children's and Community Centre, Somers Road, Walthamstow E17 (just off the market, corner of Palmerston Road ). A small voluntary group set up by parents who wanted to share their experiences of raising children bilingually and support each other. Talk to other parents in multilingual families while your children play. For more details call Claire on 020 8531 6448.

### Waltham Forest Bonsai Club

Third Tuesday of every month, 7.30pm–10pm. St Gabriel's Church and Family Centre, Havant Road, Walthamstow E17 3JF. Club Meetings are held once a month and provide lectures, workshops and demonstrations on the art of Bonsai, covering everything from the basics

to more advanced techniques. New members are always welcome.

For more information contact Brian on 020 8550 7185 / [brian@wfbonsaiclub.org.uk](mailto:brian@wfbonsaiclub.org.uk) or visit [www.wfbonsaiclub.org.uk](http://www.wfbonsaiclub.org.uk)

### Who Let The Dads In?

Saturdays, 10am–12pm Ridgeway Park Children Centre, 82 Peel Close, Chingford. Time together for dads and their children with a range of activities available. £1.50 per family. Ring 020 8529 3885 or visit [www.ridgewayparkchildrencentre.org.uk](http://www.ridgewayparkchildrencentre.org.uk) for more information.

### Community Radio

Streetlife FM Community Radio 87.8 FM. The Stow's Big Breakfast, 8-10am. Community radio show for Walthamstow. The Stow's Drive Show 3-5pm. [www.streetlifefm.com](http://www.streetlifefm.com)

### Salsa Classes and Club

Every Tuesday, 762 High Rd, Leytonstone. Salsa classes and club from complete beginners to advance lessons. All welcome on a pay as you go basis. £6. No partner required. Friendly, fun and exciting night out. Salsa is a great way to make new friends and burn calories while having fun.



### Sequence Tea Dance Club

Thursday afternoons, 1pm–3.30pm. Leyton Parish Hall, Lindley Road, Leyton. Afternoon Sequence Tea Dances with tuition. £2.50 per person, tea and biscuits included. Call 020 8524 0384 or email [cmudd60@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:cmudd60@yahoo.co.uk) for more information.

### Chingford Photographic Society

Every Monday, 8pm. Horticultural Hall, Larkswood Road, Chingford. Chingford Photographic Society has been in existence over fifty years and its members have a keen interest in all aspects of photography. For further details please contact John on 07778 497402 / [CPSinfo@ntlworld.com](mailto:CPSinfo@ntlworld.com) or visit [www.chingfordphotographic.com](http://www.chingfordphotographic.com)

### Circle and Swing Square Dance Club

Every Thursday 8pm–10pm. St Andrew's Church Hall, St Andrews Road, E17 6AR. All are welcome including beginners, partners not essential. First evening free then £3 per night. Good fun and exercise. For further information please contact us on 020 8529 7307 or visit [www.communigate.co.uk/london/circleswingsdc2](http://www.communigate.co.uk/london/circleswingsdc2)



### Circle dancing at Vestry House museum

Third Tuesday of every month, 1.30pm-3pm. Vestry House Museum, Vestry Road, Walthamstow E17 9NH. Dances to world music, no partner required, beginners welcome, £3 per person. For more information contact Pat on 020 8556 3508 or Jean at [jean.duggleby@virgin.net](mailto:jean.duggleby@virgin.net)

### College Amateur Operatic Society

Every Thursday, 7.30pm-10pm. Waltham Forest College, Forest Road, Walthamstow. We are currently recruiting for both our end of year revue and our 2009 musical, 'High Society'. We are looking for enthusiastic singers, actors and dancers. For more information contact Doreen on 020 8539 9474 / [damedoreen@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:damedoreen@yahoo.co.uk) or visit [www.collegeoperatic.co.uk](http://www.collegeoperatic.co.uk)

### Tell us what's on

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## Culture and crafts

### Dance Classes at X7eaven

X7eaven Studios, 569a Lea Bridge Road, Leyton. Have fun, get fit and meet new people in a relaxed environment with our classes which are suitable for everyone! Sunday: Street Dance 2pm, Contemporary 3pm. Monday: Ballet 5:30pm (Ages 7 - 14 Years), Ballet 6:30pm (Ages 15 - Adult). Tuesday: Soca Aerobics 7:30pm. Wednesday: Street Dance 6:30pm, Circuit Training 7:30pm. Thursday: Soca Aerobics 7pm. Saturday: X7EAVEN ACADEMY 10am - 1pm (Ages 7 - 14 Years), 2pm - 6:30pm (Ages 15 - 25 Years). Please call 020 8558 0800 or check the website [www.x7dance.com](http://www.x7dance.com) for more information.



## Lunchtime Organ concerts

**Wednesdays 29 July-26 August, 1.10-1.50pm.** Chingford Parish Church, The Green E4. Admission free. Voluntary donations.  
29 July - John Rippin,  
5 August - Simon Hogan,  
12 August - Samuel Bardsley,  
19 August - Michael Emerson.  
26 August - Rory Thorndyke.

## East London Brass

**Sunday 16 August 2pm-4pm.**  
Lloyd Park, Walthamstow.

## Organ Concert

**Monday 31 August, 5.30-7.30pm.**  
St Edmund's Parish Church, Larkwood Road, South Chingford. Organ Concert by Nathan Laube, seen as a rising star among America's young classical musicians, on the recently re-built Harrison & Harrison organ. Tickets £7. **Contact** Chris South on 07921 529583 or email: church@stedmund.org.uk

## White Heather Scottish Dance Club

**Every Wednesday, 8pm-10pm.**  
Methodist Church Hall, 82 Winchester Road, Highams Park, Chingford. A gentle Scottish country dancing club, open to all. **Contact** Ron or Margaret 020 8989 7815 for more information.

## Arts and Crafts

**Every Monday, 1pm-4pm.**  
Unity Hall, Bramley Close (off Higham Hill Road), Walthamstow. A long-running self-help group who meet to paint, make cards, silk dye and natter. **Call 020 8923 6635 for more details.**

## Balletworks

**Saturday mornings and Tuesday afternoons.** Mission Grove Primary School, Buxton Road, Walthamstow E17 7EJ. Balletworks specialises in teaching ballet to children aged

three and over. Our focus is on making ballet work for your child – classes are kept to a minimum of 12 to ensure each child receives the individual attention required to learn this art form properly.

**For more details please contact Banu on 0753 8039833 or visit www.balletworks.co.uk.**

## Chingford Amateur Dramatic and Operatic Society

**Every Monday.** Mornington Hall, Green Walk, Chingford. CADOS is a friendly drama group that is open to all ages and abilities. We put on four productions a year (two musicals and two plays) involving singing, dancing and acting. The club also hires out its hall when not rehearsing. For further information please contact Lucy Carter, Membership Secretary on 0208 505 1231 or visit www.cados.org.uk.

## Little Bread, BIG JAM

**Every Wednesday, 8.30pm.**  
The Loaded Dog, 485 Leytonstone High Road, Leytonstone. A weekly chance for jazz instrumentalists and singers to join Joanne Pooley and house band – come and play, sing or listen! Underground Leytonstone or Stratford, bus 257 or W14.

## The Singing Room E17

**Thursdays, 7.30pm– 9pm.**  
St Gabriels Family Centre, Havant Road, Walthamstow. Come along and enjoy the benefits of singing – it's sociable and fun, produces endorphins that make you feel great, helps to build confidence and even improves breathing, cardiovascular activity and increases blood flow and lung capacity! Everyone welcome, no experience necessary. £5 per session. **Contact Anna on 07931 372996 or anna@music-makers.info for more information.**

## Tell us what's on

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## Children and Young People

### Intriguing insects

**Saturday 15 and Sunday 16 August, 1pm-4pm.** Epping Forest Visitor Centre. A themed craft activity for children of all ages. Learn about the insects in Epping Forest. **More info from 020 8508 0028**

### Junior angling

**Saturday 22 August, 10.30am-2pm.** Theydon Bois Pond. **Book with the visitor centre on 020 8508 0028**

### Epping Forest Family cycle ride

**Sunday 23 August, 11am-2pm.** Meet at Chingford railway station car park.

### Under 5s Club at Harrow Green Library

**Every Tuesday, 10.45am–11.30am.** Harrow Green Library, Cathall Road, Leytonstone. Stories, rhymes and crafts at your local library. Come and have fun!

### Under 5s Club at Leytonstone Library

**Every Friday, 10.30am.** Leytonstone Library, 6 Church Lane, Leytonstone. Stories, arts and crafts for the Under 5s.

### Under 5s Club at Wood Street Library

**Every Wednesday, 2.30pm.** Wood Street Library, Forest Road, Walthamstow. Stories, fun and games for youngsters.

### Play in the Park: The Mowgli stories

**Saturday 29 August, 2pm-6pm,** The Temple, Wanstead Park  
The best-loved collection of stories from Rudyard Kipling's 'The Jungle Book.' An outdoor theatre matinee performance suitable for all the family. Bring a picnic.  
**Tickets are available from Epping Forest Visitor Centre 020 8508 0028 or www.illyria.uk.com. Adult £9.95; Children 16 & under £4.95; 3 & under £1.95. Gates open 2pm. Performance 3pm (timings approximate). Booking essential.**



### Breastfeeding Support drop-in group

**Thursdays 1-3pm,** Harrow Green Library -2nd floor. **For more details please contact:** Brid, or Margjorie on: 0779 2501759

### Stories, fun and games at Walthamstow Library

**Every Thursday, 10.30am.** Walthamstow Library, High Street, Walthamstow. Fun time for youngsters.

### Story Time at Higham Hill Library

**Every Tuesday, 11.30am.** Higham Hill Library, North Countess Road, Walthamstow. Story time for youngsters.

### Story Time at Lea Bridge Library

**Every Wednesday, 2pm–3pm.** Lea Bridge Library, Lea Bridge Road, Leyton. Fun and stories for youngsters.

### Model Railway

**Every Sunday and Bank Holiday until October. 2pm-5.30pm.**

Ridgeway Park, Peel Close, off Old Church Road, Chingford. Model Steam train rides on 7" and 5.25" gauge track. Great fun for all the family. £1 per person on 7.25" gauge and 50p on the 5" gauge.

## Tell us what's on

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## Council Meetings

### Tuesday 18 August

Planning Committee 7.30 pm

Meetings take place at the Town Hall at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated.



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The response has been unbelievable. Since its publication, we have been inundated with calls with regards to our family activity centre and wider services."

**Stephen Barnabis - Tumble in the Jungle - www.tumbleinthejungle.com**

"The session went very well - we had enough people attend to mean that we can go ahead with running the course next year. Thanks for your help with the advert."

**Chris Hatfield - Birkbeck, University of London - www.bbk.ac.uk**

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## Do you have a family member with a learning disability?

The Redbridge and Waltham Forest Learning Disability Partnership has launched a consultation to ask families what sort of services they need to give them a short break from their caring responsibilities. The Council recognises that short breaks can give families a much needed break, and energy to carry on caring.

When the Redbridge and Waltham Forest Learning Disability Partnership reviewed short breaks services last year, it found that carers often didn't know what was available: some carers hadn't found a service that was right for their family. Others were using care homes for a break – but the number of people using care homes was fewer and fewer.

One care home, Trumpington Road, was only used for breaks less than 50% of the time, over the past two years.

During a three month consultation period, the Council hopes that carers will have a fresh look at what is on offer, as well as thinking about the future use of Trumpington Road care home, although closure is not an option under consideration.

We are keen to:

- Hear families' views on services now and for the

future. In particular, we are asking why Trumpington Road is so under used?

- Hear if there are difficulties finding the right services for some people, for example women, people from different backgrounds, people who have complex needs or autism related needs.
- Help people who need services to be better informed about what's on offer. For example some people might find a good option for their family is a direct payment to arrange their own short breaks.

The consultation is for three months, from 20 July to 20 October 2009, and is seeking the views of families in both Redbridge and Waltham Forest. We hope people will share their views with us to improve short breaks services for all the families who need them.

A range of meetings are planned and a questionnaire will be circulated to all carers. The questionnaire is also available to download from [www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ld-services-consultation](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/ld-services-consultation) if people would prefer to complete it in this way.

For more information please contact:

**Debbie Richards**

Learning Disability Partnership

47 Gainsford Road

Walthamstow E17 6QB

Tel: 020 8496 1844

Email: [Debbie.Richards@redbridge.gov.uk](mailto:Debbie.Richards@redbridge.gov.uk)

Website:

[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/learning-disabilities](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/learning-disabilities)

Redbridge and Waltham Forest Learning Disability Partnership



London Borough of  
**Redbridge**



NHS Redbridge and NHS Waltham Forest

UNESCO Day for the International Remembrance  
of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

## Commemorating the Abolition of Slavery

**Walthamstow Library**

High Street, Walthamstow E17 7JN

**Compere Geoff Schumann**

**Robin Walker** author of "Before the Slave Trade"  
African World History in pictures

Music and Dance – **Estate of the Arts**

Poetry – **Yvonne Bailey**

Live Music – **Top Cats**

**Sunday 23 August**  
**Doors open at 7pm**  
**Event starts 7.30pm**

Refreshments  
Caribbean Buffet



# MPA

METROPOLITAN POLICE AUTHORITY

## POLICING IN WALTHAM FOREST

### How are your local police performing?

The Metropolitan Police Authority regularly monitors how well London's police are performing to ensure our communities receive the most efficient and effective service.

**Total recorded crime in London for 2008/09 is at a ten year low and remains under 900,000 crimes for the second consecutive year. Detection rates continue to rise.**

### How did Waltham Forest perform during 2008/09?

- Residential Burglary up 430 offences
- Robbery up 12 offences
- Theft of vehicles down 261 offences
- Theft from vehicles up 107 offences
- Youth violence down 215 offences
- Knife crime down 87 offences
- Gun crime down 16 offences.

**Total recorded crime in Waltham Forest is up 1.7% – that's 448 more crimes.**

### Priorities for 2009/10

Waltham Forest will be focusing on:

- Reducing most serious violence by 4.0%
- Reducing serious youth violence by 4.0%
- Reducing knife crime by 5.2%
- Reducing gun crime by 5.0%
- Reducing serious acquisitive crime by 4.8%.

### Have your say

Are the police focusing on the issues that are important to you? Make sure you have your say on policing in London by taking part in the consultation for the 2011/12 London wide policing priorities. Fill in the questionnaire and let us know what you think.

[www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/publications/policingplans)

Find out more about policing in your borough at:

[www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships/boroughs](http://www.mpa.gov.uk/partnerships/boroughs) or call the MPA on 020 7202 0202





Now what is the sign language for 'it's your round'?

## Police reach out to local deaf community

- Police issue crime prevention advice to Walthamstow Deaf Club
- Officers trained in British Sign Language

**A team of police officers, trained in British Sign Language, is breaking down communication barriers with the deaf community.**

Walthamstow Deaf Club is visited every month by the officers who give crime prevention advice and listen to members' concerns.

And a BSL trained police officer is usually available by appointment at the borough's police stations

The sessions are already proving a big hit with the club.

Club Secretary, Jackie Benson, said: "It's a very popular service and it's invaluable for deaf people

**It's invaluable for deaf people because they know they always have access to the police**

because they know they always have access to the police either through our club or if they go into any of the police stations in

Waltham Forest."

The surgery was set up by PC Barry Anderson after he was invited to give a crime prevention talk to club members.

He realised the benefits of being able to communicate with people with hearing impairments so decided to take a BSL course with a number of colleagues and the surgery was formed.

Surgeries take place on the first Wednesday of every month at Orford House in Orford Road, Walthamstow, between 7-9pm.



### More info

For more information on the Deaf Club visit [www.walthamstowdeafclub.org.uk](http://www.walthamstowdeafclub.org.uk)

## In brief

### Nominate your project for criminal cash

Waltham Forest residents can take advantage of a pot of cash for worthwhile schemes which is funded by assets seized from convicted criminals.

Community organisations and residents can nominate projects for their share of a £95,000 pot which has been allocated to London by the Community Cashback fund.

Projects can apply for between £10-£40,000 and demonstrate how they will help to reduce crime and anti social behaviour.

The closing date for nominations is 21 August at 3pm. Around 20 projects will be shortlisted and residents will then get the chance to vote for their favourite project.

- For more information visit [www.walthamforest.gov.uk](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk)



### Crime prevention trailer out and about

Residents in need of a little crime prevention advice can visit the borough's crime prevention trailer in the coming weeks.

The crime prevention team will be giving out advice on all types of crimes, especially those that tend to increase during the summer such as burglary

Crime prevention experts will be on hand to give out gadgets and advice at Focus in Hickman Avenue in Chingford on 12 August between 9.30am-12.30pm.

They will also be paying a visit to Leytonstone Car Free Day on 20 September between 1-6pm.

- For more information contact the Council's Community Safety Team on 020 8496 3000.

## Leyton Matters

Residents have the chance to say what problems they think need to be sorted out in Leyton ahead of the Our Area Matters clean up campaign.

Our Area Matters is organised by the Council, Police and other partners and aims to tackle environmental crime, anti-social behaviour and other illegal activity in Leyton ward and will visit every part of the borough on a rolling basis.

People who live or work in Leyton ward should contact the Council with their suggestions before 31 August. So far this year Our Area Matters has visited six areas.

- To get in touch call the anti-social behaviour team on 020 8496 3000 or email [communitysafety@walthamforest.gov.uk](mailto:communitysafety@walthamforest.gov.uk)







## Don't lose your right to vote

Look out for your Voter Registration form, which will be delivered through your door soon.

You are required by law to respond to this form even if there are no changes to the details on the form.

If you need to make any changes to the pre-printed details, fill in the form and return it by post.

If the pre-printed details are all the same and you do not need to make any changes, you can register by one of the following methods:

- Internet
- Telephone
- Text



- Or simply sign the form and post it back to us

**If you have not registered, you can't vote, and you may find it difficult to get credit.**



## explore

Open House – see what's inside the Olympic Park

- free bus tours of the Olympic Park
- free London 2012 exhibition

Date: 19–20 September 2009

Booking: 0300 2012 550. Booking line opens 10 August.  
Advance booking is essential.

Visit [london2012.com/openhouse](http://london2012.com/openhouse) for more information.

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## Your easy route to all manner of Council services

**Did you know you can call one phone number to sort out all manner of queries and problems associated with council services?**

Waltham Forest Direct (WFD) can be contacted by ringing 020 8496 3000 between 8am and 6pm Monday to Friday and is your instant route to a dedicated team of friendly and helpful people who can help you.

They can deal with enquiries about services ranging from waste and recycling to Council Tax.

The call centre is also open outside of the core hours to deal with emergencies such as homelessness, Emergency make safe housing repairs, Emergency social worker, and Environmental Noise abatement officers.

**WFD shops can assist with:**

- Adult services
- Benefits
- Council Tax
- Environmental Services
- Housing
- Planning and Building Control
- Street and Parking Services
- Waste and Recycling
- Better Neighbourhoods
- Citizens Advice Bureau
- Community and voluntary groups
- Consumer Direct
- NHS
- Housing Associations
- Pension Services
- Waltham Forest Credit Union



**So if you've got a problem and nobody else can help, why don't you try the WFD Team.**

# Public Notices

## Highways

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
NEW VARIOUS AT ANY TIME WAITING  
RESTRICTIONS, ONE-WAY WORKING and  
ROAD HUMPS The Waltham Forest (Waiting  
and Loading Restriction) (Amendment No. \*)  
Order 2009 The Waltham Forest (Prescribed  
Routes) (No. \*) Traffic Order 2009**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Waltham Forest propose to make the above-mentioned Orders under sections 6 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as amended.
2. The general effect of the Waiting and Loading Order would be to further amend The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading Restriction) Consolidation Order 2008 so that waiting by vehicles would be prohibited "at any time" at the locations specified in Schedule 1 to this Notice.
3. The general effect of the Prescribed Routes Order would be to prohibit motor vehicles on Knotts Green Road, E10 from travelling in a direction other than from its junction with Lea Bridge Road to its junction with Leyton Green Road.
4. FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council propose to construct road humps at the locations specified in Schedule 2 to this Notice under sections 90A to 90L of the Highways Act 1980 and in accordance with the provisions of the Highways (Road Humps) Regulations 1999 and the Highways (Traffic Calming) Regulations 1999. The road humps would be constructed to cover the full width of the carriageway, be of sinusoidal design, 4.5 metres in length and not more than 75 millimetres at their highest point.
5. A copy of the Orders, the Council's statement of reasons for proposing to make the Orders and of plans showing the locations and effects of the Orders and the road humps, can be inspected during normal office hours on Mondays to Fridays inclusive until the end of 21 days from the date of this Notice at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) The Reception Desk, The London Borough of Waltham Forest, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.
6. Any person desiring to object to the proposed Orders and road humps or to make any other representation should send a statement in writing of either their objection and the grounds thereof or of their representation to Traffic Orders, Engineering Design, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS by 1st September 2009.

**For more information please telephone  
020 8496 3000 quoting reference 2009T15  
Dated 10th August 2009  
MR. K. VALAVAN, Interim Chief Engineer,  
Public Realm, Low Hall, London, E10 7AS**

**SCHEDULE 1 (waiting restrictions to operate "at any time" between 6 and 15m from the following junctions unless otherwise stated)**

Lea Bridge Road and Knotts Green Road, E10; Knotts Green Road and Leyton Green Road, E10; Carlisle Road and Goldsmith Road, E10; College Gardens and Mount Echo Drive, E10; Shernall Street and Back Road, E17;

Back Street, E17 - the entire length; Shernall Street and Marlowe Road, E17; Marlowe Road, E17 – (a) the south, south-west, south-east and east side, from its junction with Shernall Street to a point 2 metres south of a point opposite the common boundary of Nos. 14 and 16; (b) the north-east side, at the junction of the north-west to south-east arm and the north-east to south-west arm; (c) the west side, from a point 2 metres south of the common boundary of Nos. 14 and 16 to a point 3 metres north-west of the south-western wall of No. 10; Marlowe Road and the access road leading to the rear of Nos. 31 to 41 Shernall Street; Marlowe Road and the access road leading to the electricity sub station; Marlowe Road and the access road leading to Nos. 178/180/182 Marlowe Road; Lowther Road, E17 - the north-east side, between its junctions with Goldsmith Road and Shakespeare Road; Stockfield Road and the access roads to Mallard Court, E17; Richmond Close and Kirk Road, E17; Maynard Road and Barclay Road, E17; Old Church Road and Leedale

Avenue, E4; Bourne Gardens and Lynton Road/Underwood Road, E4; Bluehouse Road and Groveside Road, E4; Heriot Avenue and Lansdowne Road, E4; Mead, E4 – approx. 50 metres from its junction with Ashwood Road; The Drive – the north side, moving double yellow lines outside Gaitskell House to the opposite side of the road;

**SCHEDULE 2 (road humps at the following locations)**  
Knotts Green Road - (a) outside No. 1; (b) outside Nos. 23 and 25; (c) outside No. 51; (d) outside Nos. 79 and 81.

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
– HIGH STREET PEDESTRIAN ZONE  
The Waltham Forest (Prescribed Routes)  
(High Street Pedestrian Zone) Experimental  
Traffic Order 2009**

**The Waltham Forest (Waiting and Loading  
Restriction) (Experimental Amendment No.1)  
Order 2009**

**The Waltham Forest (Free Parking Places)  
(Disabled Persons) (Experimental Amendment  
No.1) Order 2009**

1. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on the 7th August 2009 the Council made the above mentioned Orders under sections 9 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.
2. The effect of the above mentioned Orders will be to:-
  - (a) continue the existing prohibition of vehicular traffic in High Street, E17 between its junctions with Cleveland Park Avenue and St. James' Street but to provide exemption to that restriction for so long as may be necessary for the purpose of delivering or collecting goods or loading or unloading a vehicle at premises adjacent to the restricted street between the hours of Midnight - 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Mondays to Saturdays inclusive and between the hours of Midnight - 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Sundays;
  - (b) continue the existing one-way working for vehicles on High Street, E17 between its junction with Cleveland Park Avenue and Pretoria Avenue but to provide an exemption for 'Market Traders' vehicles between the hours of 5 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Tuesdays to Fridays inclusive and between the hours of 5 a.m. - 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. - 7 p.m. on Saturdays;
  - (c) provide new parking for vehicles displaying a disabled persons 'blue badge' on High Street, E17, the north-west side, from a point 5.5 metres north-east of the north-eastern kerb-line of Cleveland Park Avenue north-eastward for a distance of 46.5 metres;(the Orders also make minor drafting amendments to better reflect the situation as it exists on the ground and revokes provisions of previous Orders that no longer apply).

3. Documents giving more detailed particulars of the Orders, which will come into force on the 17th August 2009 are available for inspection between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm on Mondays to Fridays inclusive (except Bank Holidays), from the date of this Notice until the Orders cease to have effect, at (a) The Information Desk, Town Hall, Forest Road, Walthamstow, E17; (b) The Waltham Forest Direct Shop, 265 Chingford Mount Road, Chingford, E4 8LP; and (c) Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS.

4. The Council will be considering in due course whether the provisions of the Orders should be continued in force indefinitely by means of permanent Orders made under section 6 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Any person may object to the making of the permanent Orders for the purpose of such indefinite continuation within a period of six months beginning with the day on which the above mentioned Orders came into force or, if the Orders are varied by other Orders or modified pursuant to section 10(2) of the 1984 Act, beginning with the day on which the latest variation or modification came into force. Any such objection must be made in writing and must state the grounds on which it is made and be sent to Traffic Orders, Environmental Services, Low Hall, Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS. Any objection may be communicated to, or be seen by, other persons who may be affected.

5. If any person wishes to question the validity of the Orders or of any of its provisions on the grounds that they are not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or that any requirement of that Act or of any instrument

made under that Act has not been complied with, that person may, within 6 weeks from the date on which the Orders are made, apply for the purpose to the High Court.

**Dated 10th August 2009  
Mr. K.Valavan, Acting Chief Engineer, Low Hall,  
Argall Avenue, London, E10 7AS**

## Planning

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (GENERAL  
DEVELOPMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER  
1995 - NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following application for planning permission has been made to the Council for which additional publicity is required.

**APPL.NO** 2009/0880  
**APPLICANT** Tesco Stores Ltd  
**ADDRESS** Essex Arms Public House, 82-84 Forest Road Walthamstow, London E17 6JR

**PROPOSAL** A mixed use re-development. Construction of part four storey, part three storey building to provide a retail store (approx area 436 sq.m). use class A1 at ground floor and 19 residential units (17 x 2 bed & 2 x 3 bed) on upper floors. Provision of cycle & car parking.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

**Dated this day 10 August 2009  
David Scourfield  
Group Manager - Development Management  
on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest**

**LONDON BOROUGH OF WALTHAM FOREST  
PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION  
AREAS) ACT 1990 - SECTION 67**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following applications for a building within a Conservation Area has been made to this Authority.

**APPL.NO** 2009/0910  
**APPLICANT** Mr Hudawerdi Zihni  
**ADDRESS** 68 High Street, Walthamstow, London, E17 7LD

**PROPOSAL** Erection of ground floor shop extension at rear. Erection of first floor extension to form from 1 x 1 bed self-contained flat to 1 x 2 bed self-contained flat.

**APPL.NO** 2009/0867  
**APPLICANT** The Sakina Trust  
**ADDRESS** 7-8 Vestry RoadWalthamstowLondon E17 9NH

**PROPOSAL** Extension to first floor level and formation of main covered entrance porch with new staircase to first floor level and access to wc's to both sides. Provision for 12 car parking spaces.

The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17 4JF between the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

**APPL.NO** 2009/0989  
**APPLICANT** Mr Nader Sarabadani  
**ADDRESS** 18 Thornhill Road, Leyton, London E10 5LL

**PROPOSAL** Erection of two storey side & first floor rear extension. The application is open to inspection by the Public at the offices of the Development Management, Sycamore House, Town Hall Complex, Forest Road, London E17

4JFbetween the hours of 9.00a.m. - 5.00p.m. Monday to Friday. Any representations relating to the application should be made in writing to the Planning Division within 21 days of the date of this Notice.

**Dated 10 August 2009  
David Scourfield - Head of Development Control  
on Behalf of London Borough of Waltham Forest**



## One Stop Services Waltham Forest Direct

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Chingford  
E4 8LP

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Leyton  
E10 6AE

**Walthamstow**  
137 Hoe Street  
Walthamstow  
E17 4RT

**Leytonstone**  
819 High Road  
Leytonstone  
E11 1HQ

## Tenders

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advertisements.  
www.walthamforest.gov.uk/index/business/  
council-buying/council-tenders**

**More info**  
All Council departments can be contacted by ringing  
Waltham Forest Direct on **020 8496 3000**



London Borough of Waltham Forest

Members Allowances scheme

Elected members (Councillors) of an Authority are entitled under the Members Allowances scheme to receive remuneration for the duties they perform.

This scheme is set out in the Constitution of the Council. The scheme is governed by the Local Government & Housing Act 1989 as amended and the Local Authorities (Members Allowances) (England) Regulations 2003. All councillors are entitled to a basic allowance to

cover their democratic duties, some councillors also receive a Special Responsibility Allowance (SRA) reflecting the level of their additional duties (see the table below). Councillors who hold more than one post are only entitled to claim the SRA with the greatest value. In appropriate circumstances councillors can claim an allowance towards carers costs, travelling and subsistence costs when carrying out certain duties outside the borough.

At its meeting on 12 October 2006, the Council agreed amendments to its Members Allowances scheme, which took effect from that date. Further amendments were agreed at the Council meeting on 12 July 2007. The scheme allows for inflation of allowances in line with the pay award agreed for Council staff applicable to the appropriate financial year. In agreeing its scheme, the Council took into consideration the latest recommendations

of the Independent Remuneration Panel in its report on the remuneration of councillors in Waltham Forest, published in September 2006. The following table sets out the current rates of Members Allowances. Payments made to individual members in the financial year 2008/09 are set out below. The figures reflect that some councillors did not hold office for a full financial year.

Allowance	Amount: May 2009 to May 2010 * £	Payable to
Basic	10,530	● All members in addition to Special Responsibility Allowance
Special Responsibility Allowances	42,117	● Leader of the Council
	29,481	● Deputy Leader of the Council
	22,110	● Cabinet members
	16,845	● Leader of the Opposition party ● Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee
	10,530	● Chief whips of administration parties
	8,424	● Chairs of Planning and Licensing committees ● Mayor ● Chairs of Overview and Scrutiny sub committees ● Vice Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee ● Junior Cabinet members
	5,265	● Chief whip of Opposition party
	4,212	● Vice Chairs of Planning and Licensing committees ● Deputy Mayor ● Chair of Governance Committee ● Chairs of Community Councils ● Chair of Transport Liaison Consultative Group
	988	Co-optees ● Independent Chair of Standards Committee
	720	● Independent member of Audit & Governance Committee
	480	● Independent members of Standards Committee

\* Subject to amendment in line with the pay award agreed for council staff in 2009/10

		2008/09			
Member's name		BASIC	Special Responsibility Allowance	Dependants Allowance	Travel and subsistence allowance
		£	£	£	£
I	Abraham	637.25	239.05	0.00	0.00
M	Ahmad	10,490.58	7,819.29	0.00	0.00
A	Akram	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	0.00
L	Ali	10,490.58	1,146.10	0.00	9.75
M	Asghar	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
P J	Barnett	10,490.58	1,432.52	0.00	0.00
N	Bason	3,425.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
A M	Bean	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
J	Beanse	5,261.74	0.00	0.00	0.00
R D	Belam	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	0.00
T S	Bhogal	10,490.58	1,146.10	0.00	00.00
L	Braham	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	38.00
M L	Broadley	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	30.00
N	Buckmaster	10,490.58	4,185.74	0.00	0.00
R A	Carey	10,490.58	10,490.58	0.00	0.00
E	Davies	10,490.58	3,612.90	0.00	155.68
M T	Davis	10,490.58	16,782.09	0.00	0.00
M J	Fitzgerald	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	192.80
A	Gladstone	10,490.58	4,196.07	0.00	0.00
J M	Gover	4,526.20	0.00	0.00	0.00
J C	Gray	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	7.25
A	Hemsted	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
J	Hemsted	4,241.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
P V	Herrington	10,490.58	7,962.71	0.00	0.00
S	Highfield	10,490.58	4,185.74	0.00	0.00
M	Jovcic	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
J	Khan	10,490.58	7,246.45	0.00	0.00
M	Lewis*	10,490.58	12,249.61	0.00	0.00
C W	Loakes	10,490.58	41,959.32	0.00	800.10
J	Macklin	10,490.58	28,368.03	0.00	81.50
A	Mahmood	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
S	Mahmud	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
M	Martin	10,490.58	3,612.90	0.00	7.25
A	Mbachu	10,490.58	4,196.07	0.00	44.81
S	Meiszner	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
J	Morgan	3,425.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
J	O'Rourke	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00

		2008/09			
Member's name		BASIC	Special Responsibility Allowance	Dependants Allowance	Travel and subsistence allowance
		£	£	£	£
J	Penstone	5,660.29	0.00	0.00	14.50
E J	Phillips	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	0.00
M E	Pye**	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	913.16
M F	Qureshi	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
N	Qureshi	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
K A	Rayner	10,490.58	23,030.07	0.00	0.00
G	Reardon	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	14.50
C A	Robbins	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	0.00
S	Safdar	8,453.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
A	Sarkar	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
L	Sheppard	10,490.58	1,146.10	0.00	0.00
A	Siggers	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
G	Sinclair*	10,490.58	5,003.16	0.00	0.00
E G	Sizer	10,490.58	9,630.90	0.00	0.00
P	Smith	10,490.58	4,185.74	0.00	85.40
W	Smith	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	Smith-Pryor	10,490.58	7,819.29	0.00	0.00
R F	Sullivan	10,490.58	16,782.09	0.00	0.00
R C	Sweden	10,490.58	8,392.55	0.00	0.00
G A	Walker	10,490.58	4,196.07	0.00	0.00
J F	Walter**	7,162.36	0.00	0.00	197.00
L	Wedderburn	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	0.00
R J	Wheatley	10,490.58	3,623.23	0.00	0.00
T V	Wheeler	10,490.58	22,027.39	0.00	343.19
E G	Williams	10,490.58	0.00	0.00	349.48
P D	Woolcott	10,490.58	2,890.32	0.00	0.00
F	Yunis	10,490.58	572.84	0.00	0.00
Co-optees					
J W	Cannon	983.22	0.00	0.00	70.09
A	Husain	478.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
M	Jiva	430.51	0.00	0.00	164.74
C W	Webb Ingall	478.32	0.00	0.00	0.00
T	Wilcox	495.48	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total		622,640.25	469,435.76	0.00	3,519.20
		Grand total		1,095,595.21	

Notes

\* Cllrs Lewis and Sinclair include SRA payments of £3,857.06 each, relating to 2007/08 entitlement, which was paid in 2008/09 due to administrative error.  
\*\* Includes costs under the Allowances scheme of making reasonable adjustments for disabled Members in accordance with the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.



An illustration for the Quest Seekers challenge. It features a wizard with a long white beard and a purple robe on the left. In the center are three children: a boy with glasses and a yellow vest, a boy in a blue jacket, and a girl with blonde hair and a grey jacket. A small dragon is flying above them. The background is a lush green landscape with trees and grass.

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[www.walthamforest.gov.uk/questseekers](http://www.walthamforest.gov.uk/questseekers)  
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Tues 18 Aug	<b>Leytonstone Library</b>	2–4pm
Wed 19 Aug	<b>Lea Bridge Library, Leyton</b>	10am–12pm
Thur 20 Aug	<b>Hale End Library, Highams Park</b>	2–4pm
Fri 21 Aug	<b>Wood Street Library</b>	3–5pm